

**PATENT**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

In response to the Office Action of March 7, 2007, entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better condition for appeal.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.